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(54) CAM AND FOLLOWER ARRANGEMENT

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**ABSTRACT:**

A cam and follower arrangement in which the cam consists of a track, carried by a rotatable member, and has one or more abrupt directional transitions and the follower is biased to engage one wall or the other of the track appropriate to the direction of rotation of the member, by means including a direct-current electric motor operated in a stalled condition. The arrangement is employed in a monochromator for spectrophotometric apparatus to drive a filter-holder, to position one of a number of optical filters in the incoming beam of light.

THE EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION IN WHICH AN EXCLUSIVE  
PROPERTY OR PRIVILEGE IS CLAIMED ARE DEFINED AS FOLLOWS:

1. A cam and follower arrangement in which the cam is a track  
carried by a rotatable member and engaged by the follower, the track  
having one or more abrupt transitions in it, in which a mechanical  
5 bias is applied to the follower to cause it to engage with one or  
other of the walls of the track dependent upon the direction of  
rotation of the rotatable member, characterised in that the bias  
is applied to the follower by means including a direct-current electric  
motor operating in a stalled condition, the polarity of the energising  
10 voltage applied to the motor being dependent upon the direction of  
rotation of the rotatable member.

2. A monochromator including a device bearing a plurality of  
optical elements and means for driving the device to position one or  
other of the optical elements in the path of a beam of light  
15 traversing the monochromator characterised in that the driving means  
for the device includes a cam and follower arrangement as claimed  
in Claim 1.

3. A monochromator in accordance with Claim 2 characterised in that  
the device is a filter-holder and the optical elements are filters.

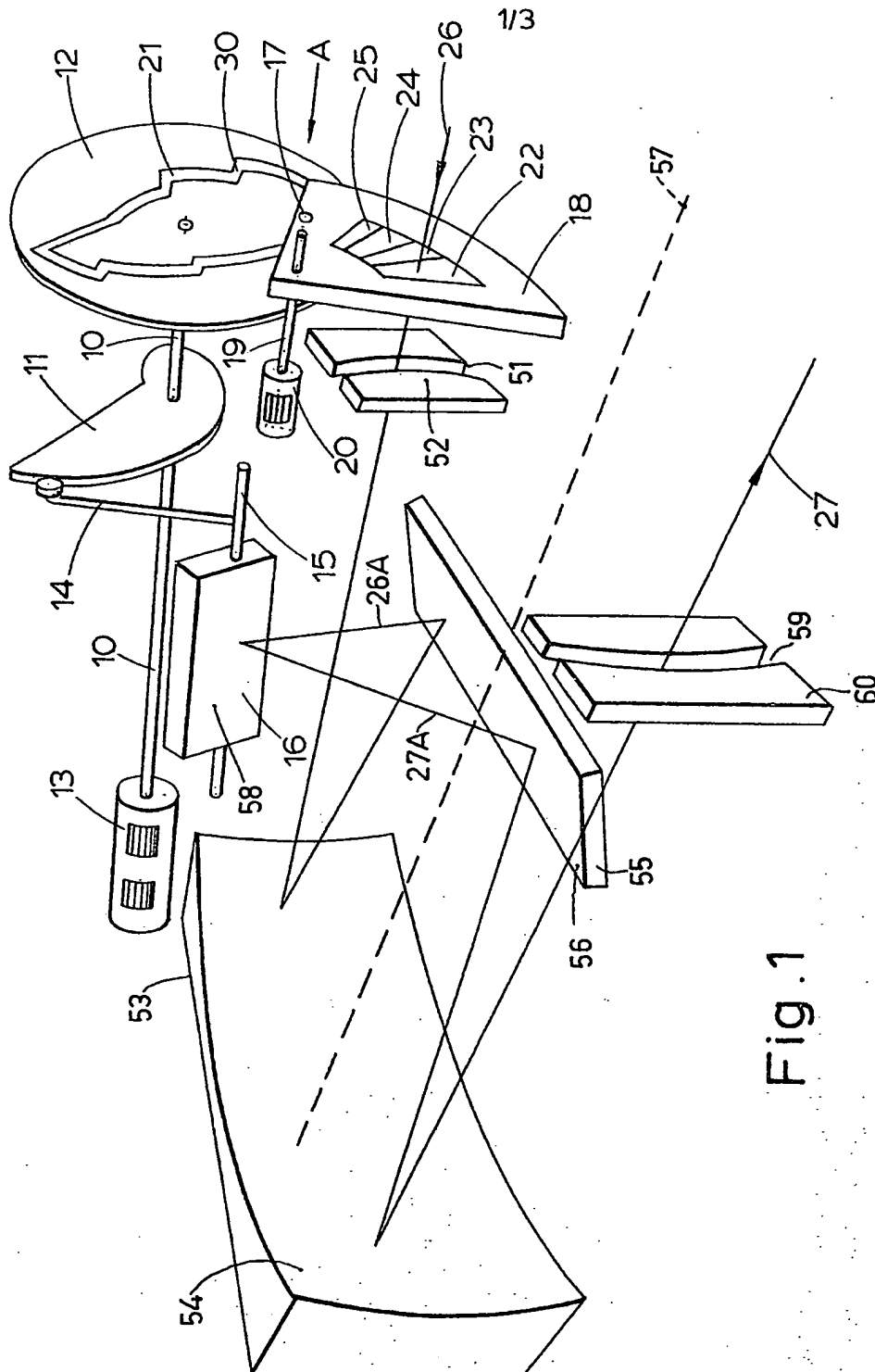
20 4. Spectrophotometric apparatus including a cam and follower  
arrangement as claimed in Claim 1.

5. Spectrophotometric apparatus including a monochromator as  
claimed in Claim 2 or Claim 3.

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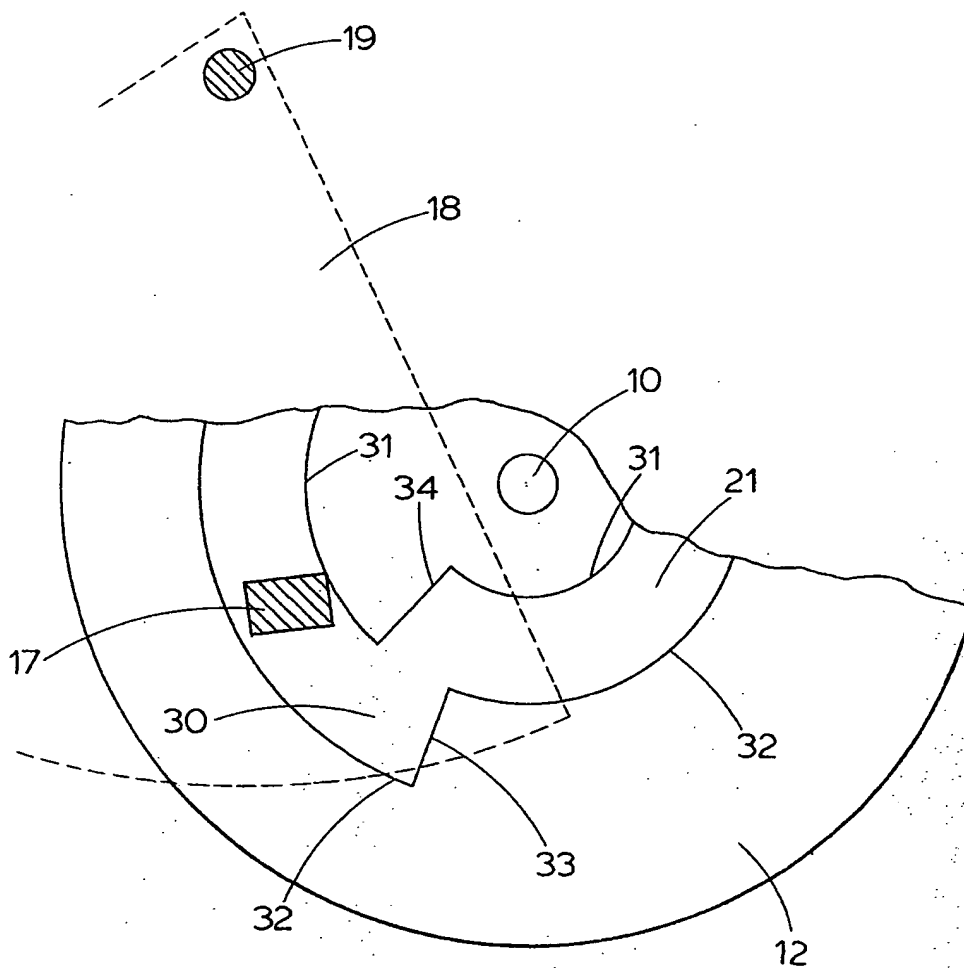


Fig. 2

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